

**Minutes of Meeting of the Development Committee of Mid Ulster District Council held on Thursday 13 June 2019 in the Council Offices, Burn Road, Cookstown**

**Members Present**

Councillor Wilson, Chair

Councillors Ashton, Black, Burton, Clarke, Corry, Cuddy, Doris, Elattar (7.01 pm), Hughes, Kearney, Kerr, McNamee, Milne, Molloy, Monteith,

**Officers in Attendance**

Mrs Campbell, Director of Leisure and Outdoor Recreation  
Mr Hill, Head of Parks  
Ms Linney, Head of Community Development  
Mr McCance, Head of Culture and Arts  
Ms McKeown, Head of Economic Development  
Mr McShane, Acting Head of Leisure  
Mrs Grogan, Democratic Services Officer

**Others in Attendance**

Mr Conor McCrory – Project Lead, SIB  
Mr Conor Doyle – Capital Build & Asset Manager, NIFRS  
Mr Dermot Rooney – Group Commander, L&D, NIFRS  
Mr Lloyd Crawford – Interim Assistant Chief Fire & Rescue Officer, NIFRS

The meeting commenced at 7.00 pm.

**D089/19 Apologies**

Director of Business and Communities  
Head of Tourism

**D090/19 Declaration of Interests**

The Chair reminded members of their responsibility with regard to declarations of interest.

*Councillor Monteith declared an interest in Dungannon Thomas Clarkes GFC*

*Councillor Monteith declared an interest in Square Wheels CC*

*Councillor McNamee declared an interest in:*

- *Cookstown Fr Rocks GFC*
- *Gortlowry Park Community Group*
- *Shopmobility Mid Ulster*

*The Chair Councillor Wilson declared an interest in issues relating to Enterprise*

*Councillors Burton, Clarke, Kearney and Wilson all declared an interest in LAG.*

## **D091/19 Chair's Business**

The Chair advised that the Head of Economic Development wished to raise an item under Chair's Business.

The Head of Economic Development advised that DAERA (Department for Agriculture, Environment and Rural Affairs) wrote to the RDP LAG Chair on 30<sup>th</sup> May 2019 confirming approval of additional funding to the LAG under the Village Renewal Scheme. The LAG will discuss this offer at its next meeting on 24<sup>th</sup> June 2019 and must confirm acceptance back to DAERA by 28<sup>th</sup> June 2019.

*Councillor Elattar entered the meeting at 7.01 pm.*

This additional funding is conditional on the LAG issuing Letters of Offer by 31<sup>st</sup> December 2019. Council is responsible for leading on applications to the Village Renewal Scheme therefore in light of the approval timescale, the design stage for projects going forward must commence immediately in order to be worked up and ready for assessment by the LAG in December 2019. A full design and procurement process must be completed prior to submitting applications to satisfy DAERA eligibility requirements. This will require the appointment of an external design team to work alongside Council Officer teams.

The Head of Economic Development sought approval to appoint an architect led integrated consultancy team (ICT) to prepare, develop and project manage the delivery of the projects going forward to the LAG including all aspects of the RIBA 2013 plan of work from Stages 0-7 and/or extend the existing Village ICT contract subject to Procurement guidance.

Proposed by Councillor Burton  
Seconded by Councillor Ashton and

**Resolved** That it be recommended to the Council to approve the appointment of an architect led integrated consultancy team (ICT) to prepare, develop and project manage the delivery of the projects going forward to the LAG including all aspects of the RIBA 2013 plan of work from Stages 0-7 and/or extend the existing Village ICT contract subject to Procurement guidance.

## **D092/19 Deputation – Northern Ireland Fire and Rescue Service**

The Chair welcomed representatives from the Northern Ireland Fire and Rescue Service and invited them to make their presentation.

Mr Crawford provided members with an update on the situation regarding Desertcreat site and invited Mr McCrory to provide an overview of the project.

Mr McCrory thanked members for this opportunity and took members through the Journey to date:

- 2006 – Site acquired by NIPB for proposed Police Training College
- 2007 – 2011 – Business Cases approved for a Tri Service College
- 2014 – Non-completion of Project & Changes to Training Need
- 2016 – Business Cases approved by NIFRS only training at Desertcreat
- 2016 – Phase 1 Design Team Appointed
- 2017 – Phase 1 Contractor Appointed – Henry Bros
- 2018 – Phase 2 Design Team Appointed – IBI Stage 2 Design Completed
- 2018 – Phase 2 Business Case submitted December 2018

He said foreseeing what is ahead:

- Business Case Approval – August 2019
- Phase 2 Design Team Resume – August 2019
- Procure Contractor & Planning App – Late 2019
- Appoint Contractor Q1 2021
- Start on site Q1 2021
- Completion Q1 2023

He stated that there were many benefits to the project as listed:

- Improved quality of Learning & Development facilities
- Improved Learning & Development experience
- Improved Firefighter safety
- Increased public safety and confidence
- Improved Social & Environmental Sustainability

Mr Rooney gave an overview of what the training college aimed to achieve and stated that it would be a state-of-the-art facility for the area.

The Chair thanked the representatives from NIFRS for their impressive presentation and asked for any member comments.

Councillor McNamee thanked the representatives for their great presentation and said that it was good to see Phase 1 on the ground and would look forward to the completion. He stated however, that the people of Cookstown have reservations about the Fire Station being relocated to the new site at Desertcreat and enquired if there were any plans to progress this.

Mr Crawford advised that there were no plans to relocate Cookstown fire station to the new training site at Desertcreat as most of the Firefighters were in part-time employment and doing so would most likely have an adverse impact upon their response times to callouts and have a huge impact on the service to the local community.

Councillor McNamee stated that he was very happy to hear this as the base in Cookstown was very much relied upon.

Councillor Cuddy enquired about the creation of jobs at Desertcreat and any concerns around the burn-house from local residents.

Mr McCrory advised that a business case was previously prepared which included the expected jobs figure from the construction phase through to when the site is operational, but did not have the figures to hand at the meeting but would be happy to forward on these figures after the meeting.

In response to the query regarding the burn-house, Mr McCrory stated that the site was located on quite a hilly terrain and the burn-house itself was situated on the highest point. He indicated that this was advantageous as the prevailing wind carries the smoke away at a very high level in a 'western' direction, away from the NIFRS Learning Development Centre.

Mr Rooney stated that all the fire and rescue training would be carried out at Desertcreat which would include a mixture of approximately 40-50 uniformed staff and administration. He said that it is likely that a lot of other fire and rescue personnel from other areas would not want to relocate to Desertcreat and if this happened, it may result in more employment opportunities being available in the local area.

The Chair said that a lot of residents were concerned about how the site would integrate into the rural area and asked for consideration to be given to the planting of trees at the site.

The Chair thanked the representatives from NIFRS for their attendance and said that he looked forward to the official opening of the site.

NIFRS representatives left the meeting at 7.32 pm.

## **Matters for Decision**

### **D093/19 Community Development Report**

The Head of Community Development presented previously circulated and drew and provided an updated on the following:

Proposed by Councillor Molloy  
Seconded by Councillor Burton and

**Resolved:** That it be recommended to the Council that approval be granted to the following:

- **Sports Capital Grants**

**Resolved** That it be recommended to the Council to approve the Sports Capital grants as per grant recommendations in Appendix 1 to a value of £118,335.

- **Rolling Grants Awards – Good Relations and Local Community Festivals**

**Resolved** That it be recommended to the Council to approve the rolling grant awards – Good Relations £12,845, Local Community Festivals £19,940 and additional small grant as per Appendix 2.

- **Gortgonis Community Build Project and Proposed Usage by Forever Friends Play Group**

Members noted the Gortgonis Community Build Project and proposed continued usage by Forever Friends Play Group, based on LPS valuation.

- **Clogher Valley Pre School Play Group at Clogher Community Centre**

The Head of Community Development referred to item 5.4 Clogher Valley Preschool and advised that at the Environment Committee it was agreed that other suitable premises in Clogher be sought for the provision of public toilet facilities to allow access for the preschool users at the old Primary School site.

Members noted the Clogher Valley Pre School proposed temporary usage of Clogher Community Centre.

- **Housing Sub Committee (Working Group) Minutes**

Councillor Monteith enquired if the Housing Sub Committee (Working Group) was a sub committee or a working group, because if it was a sub committee the report should be adopted and if a working group then the report should be noted.

The Head of Community Development advised that it went through committee as a sub committee; however the process within Council is to have working groups.

Members noted the Housing Sub Committee (Working Group) Minutes as per Appendix 3.

- **Festive Lights Provision for Rural Villages**

The Head of Community Development stated that the appendix noted was based on the previous area plan of settlements and an update current report is in place which needs to take account of the small villages of Cappagh, Creagh and Ballynakelly.

Councillor Black referred to Innishrush and Tamlaght O’Crilly and enquired why they were not listed and asked if they could be listed.

The Head of Community Development stated that small settlements within the settlement report had to contact Council to be considered and that officers could then engage with the areas regarding providing festive lights in their area. She confirmed the small settlement areas can be supported to provide festive lights.

**Resolved** That it be recommended to the Council to approve the Festive Lights provision for Rural Villages as per Appendix 4, for a 3 year period, with inclusion of small villages as per the settlement report of Cappagh,

Ballynakelly, Creagh, and small settlements Innishrush and Tamlaght O'Crilly (Tamlaght).

- **Connecting Pomeroy re Partner Programme Delivery**

Members noted update on Connecting Pomeroy re Partner Programme Delivery.

- **DFC Syrian Refugee Team to Contribute Towards YPRS Storage Scheme**

**Resolved** That it be recommended to the Council to support the VPRS Storage Scheme at a cost of £300 per year for next 3 years.

- **Community Development Update**

Councillor Monteith referred to Grants issue and stated that a few meetings back it was agreed that a grants review would take place which was still to be done and said that he would expect a paper to be brought to the July or September meeting on what could work better as there was an increasing need for the grant thresholds to be increased.

Councillor Burton said that she agreed with Councillor Monteith's comments and also referred to the Shop Front Scheme in towns and villages and stated that any financial support from the Council would really be appreciated.

Councillor Burton referred to appendix 3, Item 1 – Barrier to Development and said that she knew that the item of sewerage had already been raised but stated that it was a serious issue for people building new homes in the rural areas and would like it investigated.

The Chair advised that this issue was being investigated through the Mid Ulster Housing Forum and if any member had concerns then they could be raised in that arena.

Members noted Community Development Update.

## **D094/19 Economic Development Report**

The Head of Economic Development presented previously circulated report which provided an update on the following:

- **DfE Public Consultation re Corporate Membership within Credit Unions**

Proposed by Councillor Clarke  
Seconded by Councillor Milne and

**Resolved** That it be recommended to the Council to approve the Council's consultation response (Appendix 1C) to the Department for the Economy with regard to Corporate Membership within Credit Unions.

- **Review of Councils' Statutory Targets (Business Start Activity)**

Proposed by Councillor McNamee  
Seconded by Councillor Cuddy and

**Resolved** That it be recommended to the Council to approve the recommendations contained within the independent Capaxo Evaluation and revise Mid Ulster's Annual Statutory Jobs Target for Business Start Activity to **153 jobs per annum**, subject to approval by Department for the Economy.

- **Correspondence from Invest NI re Local Economic Development Measure: Investment for Growth & Jobs Programme**

Proposed by Councillor Clarke  
Seconded by Councillor Kearney and

**Resolved** That it be recommended to the Council that Officers scope and submit initial project ideas to Invest NI to meet potential gaps in business support provision that comply with ERDF application criteria. A report to be brought to a future meeting, to seek the necessary approvals from Members if a full application is to be made at a later date.

- **Magherafelt Town Centre Forum Minutes – 12 November 2018**

Members noted Minutes of Magherafelt Town Centre Forum on 12 November 2018.

- **Coalisland Town Centre Forum Minutes – 4 March 2019**

Members noted Minutes of Coalisland Town Centre Forum on 4 March 2019.

- **Economic Development Service Plan 2019/20**

Proposed by Councillor Molloy  
Seconded by Councillor McNamee and

**Resolved** That it be recommended to the Council to approve Economic Development Service Plan 2019/20.

- **Mid Ulster Engineering Innovation Programme: Final Report**

Members noted Mid Ulster Engineering Innovation Programme: Final Report - March 2019.

- **Economic Development Achievements 2018/19**

Members noted Economic Development Achievements 2018/19.

- **Full Fibre Northern Ireland (FFNI)**

Members noted Full Fibre Northern Ireland Update.

- **Business & Communities – Summary of External Investment Leverage 2018/2019**

Members noted Business & Communities – Summary of External Funding Leverage 2018/19.

Councillor McNamee enquired if there were any developments on the Shop Front Scheme.

The Head of Economic Development reminded Members that approval had been granted previously to develop a new Mid Ulster Town and Village Business Spruce Up Scheme and Council was nearing the appointment of a Chartered Architect to oversee and manage the programme which will be rolled out across a number of designated towns and villages. The scheme is anticipated to be delivered over a 2 to 3 year period subject to the number of applicants and the available economic development budget.

In response to Councillor Molloy's query, the Head of Economic Development advised that the reserve list from the previous scheme had been exhausted.

In response to Councillor McNamee's query, the Head of Economic Development advised that the scheme would be open to both new applicants and to applicants who applied previously, provided it was for a new element(s) of eligible works. She stated that new applicants/projects, who had not applied previously, will have the opportunity to score a few additional points for this, provided they complete their application correctly, in accordance with the scheme's scoring criteria.

Councillor Monteith referred to the ongoing concern regarding town centre rates and said that under the current review the deadline for response was likely to be August 2019 and suggested that it be an item on the agenda for the July meeting.

The Head of Economic Development advised that she and her team had been in regular contact with the Department of Finance several times to determine date of when the consultation process will formally commence and to seek clarity if Departmental officials will come to meet with the five Town Centre Forums in Mid Ulster but was still awaiting a formal response to this request. She further advised that the Department of Finance's website indicated that they would be holding an Innovation Lab process at the start of July 2019 to assess and respond to the significant changes in NI's high streets and town centres. She added that interested stakeholders who would like to engage with the Department of Finance's Rating Policy Division in order to inform its policy appraisal work could register their interest on the Department of Finance website and stated that Mid Ulster District Council had already did this.

Councillor Monteith said that it would be helpful to move forward with a positions paper in order to steer the Department of Finance in the right direction and would ask that



the Non Domestic Rates Review for Town Centres be included as an item on the agenda for Development Committee meeting on 3 July 2019.

The Head of Economic Development advised members that the July papers were due for submission to Directors tomorrow and it wouldn't be possible to complete a full consultation response at such short notice but that she would most definitely be working on a draft response for the Review of the Non Domestic Rating System.

Councillor Monteith said as there was no committee meeting in August, it was necessary to have sight of a draft response in advance of the September 2019 meeting, as the consultation would likely be closed before then. Councillor Monteith reiterated his request for the item to be placed on the agenda for the July meeting of the Development Committee and the draft consultation response could follow in advance of the meeting date.

**Resolved** That it be recommended to the Council that a Rates Review of Town Centres be included as an item on the Agenda for the July 2019 meeting of the Development Committee.

**D095/19 Response to Public Consultation on 'Reshaping Breast Assessment Services'**

The Head of Economic Development presented previously circulated report and advised that on the 25<sup>th</sup> March 2019, the Department of Health commenced its consultation on 'Reshaping Breast Assessment Services' across all Health Trust Areas. The consultation will run until 17<sup>th</sup> June 2019. The purpose of the paper is for members to consider a draft Response to the Report.

At the Council meeting on 15<sup>th</sup> April 2019, it was agreed that Council would prepare a response to this consultation. Delegated power granted to the Development Committee scheduled on 13<sup>th</sup> June 2019 to approve response.

Councillor Ashton thanked staff for preparing this paper and advised that a number of meetings had taken place with a group of supporters from Lurgan who through her, had requested to receive a copy of Council's draft consultation response.

Proposed by Councillor Ashton

To share Council's draft response to the public consultation with the Support Group from Lurgan to ensure a strong case is made to retain 'breast assessment services' for the region.

Councillor Cuddy stated that if the Health Service relocated the service to Dundonald this would be a terrible journey to travel and cause more undue stress for patients. He said that this was another example of Consultants not wanting to work in the rural west and wanting to remain in Belfast.

Councillor Burton said as a rural Councillor the amount of phone calls she received on the issue was overwhelming and would hate to think of people having to drive this distance to receive an assessment. She said that it was important that Council's

response was shared with others who sought a copy, to ensure that a stronger case can be built.

Seconded by Councillor Doris

To support Councillor Ashton's proposal as this would also affect some of her constituents.

Councillor Wilson agreed with members comments especially about the extensive travel times after receiving treatment and no option for overnight beds.

**Resolved** That it be recommended to Council to approve the consultation response on 'Reshaping Breast Assessment Services' in time for it be received by Department of Health deadline of 17<sup>th</sup> June 2019 and also supply a copy of Council's response to the Support Group in Lurgan who had requested it.

#### **D096/19 Tourism Service Improvement Plan 2019/20**

The Head of Culture and Arts presented previously circulated report to seek approval for the Tourism Service Improvement Plan for 2019/20.

Councillor Burton said that she was disappointed not to see President Grant's Homestead mentioned within the report as it seems to be overlooked. She said that previously a caretaker used to take care of the Homestead and kept it neat and tidy but now this was not the case and were overgrown weeds everywhere. She said that this Council were trying to encourage people to visit the Homestead, especially its links with American tourists and needed addressed as soon as possible.

Councillor Cuddy agreed with Councillor Burton's comments and said that a lot of Americans visit the facility and was important that the area was kept neat and tidy.

Councillor Cuddy advised that George Best Airport held a competition for Best Kept Awards where visitors voted on the best site and enquired if the Council entered any of their facilities.

The Head of Culture and Arts stated that both Seamus Heaney HomePlace and Ranfurly were both nominated.

Councillor Cuddy stated that Todd's Leap received an award and it was important that the Council get on board to gain recognition.

The Head of Culture and Arts advised that the Head of Tourism would raise the issue of George Best Airport Best Kept Awards at the next Tourism Forum meeting and would liaise with Environment and Property Services in relation to the tidying up of President Grant's.

Councillor Monteith referred to Ireland's Hidden Heartlands and said that he previously requested that the Council be included in the programme, but no feedback on

conversations with Bord Fáilte or the Tourist Board had amounted to anything which indicated their lack of interest. He asked that this be investigated again.

Proposed by Councillor McNamee  
Seconded by Councillor Doris and

**Resolved** That it be recommended to Council that approval be given to:

- 1) Tourism Service Improvement Plan 2019/20.
- 2) George Best Airport Best Kept Awards to be raised at the next Tourism Forum meeting.
- 3) Liaise with Environment and Property Services in relation to general tidy up of President Grant's Homestead.
- 4) Investigate links with Ireland's Hidden Heartlands.

**D097/19 RDP Co-operation Projects: Davagh Archaeological Trail (in Partnership with SW Mayo LEADER)**

The Head of Tourism presented previously circulated report to seek approval for Council to take forward an application for Rural Development Programme funding under the Local Action Groups Co-operation Scheme where Council will act as lead partner with Mid Ulster Rural Development Partnership (the LAG) as co-applicant. The application will relate to the Davagh Archaeological Trail and is to be developed in partnership with the SW Mayo LAG.

Proposed by Councillor Clarke  
Seconded by Councillor Doris and

**Resolved** That it be recommended to the Council that approval be granted for:

- 1) Council to progress an RDP Co-operation Scheme funding application on the Davagh Archaeological Trail project acting as lead partner with Mid Ulster Rural Development Partnership as co-applicant.
- 2) Council to appoint an external design consultancy team(s) to prepare design specification for the co-operation project named above. Design team consultancy costs to be met from Council budgets and will be included as eligible expenditure within the applications for funding to the LAG.

**D098/19 Culture & Arts Services - Service Improvement Plan 2019/20**

The Head of Culture & Arts presented previously circulated report to seek approval for the Culture & Arts Services – Service Improvement Plan for 2019/20.

Proposed by Councillor McNamee  
Seconded by Councillor Milne and

**Resolved** That it be recommended to the Council to approve the Culture & Arts Services – Service Improvement Plan for 2019/20.

## **D099/19      Broughderg Public Right of Way**

The Head of Parks presented previously circulated report to assert a Public Right of Way (PRoW) between the Broughderg Road and Davagh Road, Broughderg. (Map Appendix 1).

Proposed by Councillor McNamee  
Seconded by Councillor Kerr and

**Resolved**      That it be recommended to the Council to assert the Public Right of Way running between 121 Broughderg Road and Davagh Road.

## **D100/19      Parks Service Improvement Plan 2019/20**

The Head of Parks presented previously circulated report to seek approval for the Parks Service Improvement Plan for 2019/20.

Councillor Monteith referred to section within the report where it stated, “*Appoint consultancy teams to develop and implement proposals for Key Capital Projects including Railway Park and Portglenone Blueway*”. He said that he was intrigued to see Railway Park on the Plan again as it was his understanding that this was being progressed and enquired what was the reason for the hold up.

The Head of Parks advised that previously when the appointment was being considered regarding the design and development it was felt that there could be the potential for full legal challenge against the procurement process if the project proceeded and it was felt that it would be more advisable to prepare a revised retender and that an outcome would be brought to the July meeting for consideration.

Councillor Monteith felt that the whole situation was farcical and that a design team could have been appointed a lot quicker as March 2020 was just around the corner.

The Director of Leisure and Outdoor Recreation advised that following appointment, initial design concepts would be developed in 6 to 10 weeks for Council consideration. Following agreement from Council on the preferred option, the appointment of a contractor to undertake the construction work would need to be procured and appointed hence the date of March 2020.

Councillor Ashton referred to item 3.2 and formally requested that the matter of disabled access for a barbecue area at Dungannon Parks barbecue area to be investigated.

Councillor Burton stated that she wished to commend staff on their hard work upgrading Brantry Lough and said that it was amazing to see such a great facility being well utilised. She referred to Lumford’s Glen and enquired if there was any update as it was very dangerous and felt that the matter should be pursued the same way Knockmany was.

The Head of Parks advised that he was aware of the issue around the access at Lumford's Glen but stated that this was the responsibility of Forest Service and unfortunately it looks like it was going to be a long-term problem. He said that the Forest Service was continuously being reminded of the issue, emphasising how popular it was within the community.

Councillor Molloy referred to Railway Park/Ballysaggart Lough and stated that there was a watercourse around the town sitting in no man's lands. He said that he had been approached by residents concerned about the liability of falling trees and who would be responsible as no-one was answerable.

The Head of Parks said that both the Rivers Agency and the Landowner would have roles to play as the water runs through their lands. He advised that the Council would only be responsible for lands they have management for.

Councillor Molloy stated that there was an onus on the Council to provide guidance to residents.

Councillor Cuddy asked for an update on caravan income and antisocial behaviour at Dungannon Park.

The Head of Parks advised that caravan income remained consistent with 24 serviced sites at Dungannon park being well utilised with promotions being looked at to fill the gaps. He said that in future consideration could be given to extending caravan spaces. He stated that the biggest development at Dungannon Park was tenting and that tent owners were now looking for luxury tenting with electricity access and felt that this could be investigated as to generate extra income. He stressed the need to investigate the redevelopment of other potential sites like Ballyronan and Round Lake.

In referring to antisocial behaviour, the Head of Parks advised that it was low at the moment and no cause for concern.

Councillor Burton stated that there was a significant increase of visitors to Ballyronan and Round Lake. She said that it was important that these areas were kept clean and tidy as she was aware especially of Round Lake being well utilised every day but felt that there was a real need for a facelift at the Marina.

Proposed by Councillor Milne  
Seconded by Councillor Burton and

**Resolved** That it be recommended to the Council to approve the:

- 1) Parks Service Improvement Plan 2019/20.
- 2) Matter of disabled access for a barbecue area at Dungannon Park be investigated.

**D101/19 RDP Co-operation Projects: International Appalachian Trail and Infrastructure Developments on Lough Neagh and its Waterways**

The Head of Parks presented previously circulated report to seek approval for Council to take forward applications for Rural Development Programme funding under the Local Action Groups Co-operation Scheme where Council will act as lead partner with Mid Ulster Rural Development Partnership (the LAG) as co-applicant.

These applications will relation to:

- 1) The International Appalachian Trail – Ulster Section and,
- 2) Infrastructure Developments on Lough Neagh and its Waterways.

Proposed by Councillor Clarke  
Seconded by Councillor Molloy and

**Resolved** That it be recommended to the Council that approval be given:

- 1) For Council to progress RDP Co-operation Scheme funding applications on the International Appalachian Trail and Infrastructure Developments on Lough Neagh and its Waterways acting as lead partner with Mid Ulster Rural Development Partnership as co-applicant.
- 2) For Council to appoint an external design consultancy team(s) to prepare design specification for co-operation projects named above. Design team consultancy costs to be met from Council budgets and would be included as eligible expenditure within the applications for funding to the LAG.
- 3) To present financial cost associated to the RDP Co-operation Scheme to Policy & Resources Committee for approval.

**D102/19 Irish FA Foundation Hub**

The Acting Head of Leisure presented previously circulated report on proposal from Irish FA to establish a foundation Hub at Mid Ulster Sports Arena.

Proposed by Councillor Black  
Seconded by Councillor Cuddy and

**Resolved** That it be recommended to the Council to approve the:

- 1) Proposal from the Irish Football Association for establishing a Football Development Hub at the Mid Ulster Sports Arena, consisting of a Regional Grassroots Development Officer (RGDO), Let Them Play Officer (LTPO) and a Grassroots Volunteer.
- 2) Development of an SLA with the Irish Football Association regarding this Hub.

Councillor McNamee enquired if there was any further update on the bid for the extension at Mid Ulster Sports Arena.

The Acting Head of Leisure advised not at the moment but should know more by September.

**D103/19 Leisure Services – Service Improvement Plan 2019/20**

The Acting Head of Leisure presented previously circulated report to seek approval for the Leisure Services – Service Improvement Plan 2019/20.

Councillor Monteith referred to programme of works being carried out at Dungannon Leisure Centre and stated that there was a lot of speculation and major concerns have arisen due to the scheme being far behind. He said that even staff were not being made aware of what was happening and were not confident in advising the public when they didn't know themselves.

Proposed by Councillor Monteith

That staff be kept up to date on proceedings so that they be confident in advising the public on what was happening. A statement to be put on the website updating the public on the any developments relating to the scheme.

The Director of Leisure and Outdoor Recreation advised members that works were still on schedule to have the scheme completed within the timescale.

Councillor Cuddy said that he would be happy to second Councillor Monteith's proposal and stated that it was important to keep the public informed through social media i.e. website and facebook.

Proposed by Councillor Monteith  
Seconded by Councillor Cuddy

**Resolved** That it be recommended to the Council that approval be given to:

- 1) Leisure Services – Service Improvement Plan 2019/20.
- 2) Staff being kept up to date on progress so that they can be confident in advising the public on what was happening. A statement to be put on the website and social media updating the public on any developments relating to the scheme.

**D104/19 Sports Representative Grants**

The Acting Head of Leisure presented previously circulated report on the proposed community grant allocations for the range of Sports Representative Grant – Team and Individuals.

Proposed by Councillor McNamee  
Seconded by Councillor Molloy and

**Resolved** That it be recommended to the Council to approve the Sports Grant Allocations.

**Matters for Information**

**D105/19 Minutes of Development Committee held on 3 April 2019**

Members noted Minutes of Development Committee held on 3 April 2019.

**D106/19 Wild Adventure Weekend**

Members noted previously circulated report which advised of the success of Mid Ulster's first Wild Adventure Weekend held on 13 & 14 April 2019.

**D107/19 The Heart of Ancient Ulster HLF**

Members noted previously circulated report which provided an update on the Heart of Ancient Ulster Landscape Partnership Project.

**Local Government (NI) Act 2014 – Confidential Business**

Proposed by Councillor McNamee  
Seconded by Councillor Doris and

**Resolved** In accordance with Section 42, Part 1 of Schedule 6 of the Local Government Act (NI) 2014 that Members of the public be asked to withdraw from the meeting whilst Members consider item D108/19 to D112/19.

**Matters for Decision**

- D108/19 Tender Report for the Mid Ulster PEACE IV Arts Engagement Programme
- D109/19 Shopmobility Mid Ulster Letter of Support
- D110/19 Regionally and Minority Language Bursary Scheme
- D111/19 Gortgonis Leisure Centre Economic Appraisal and Identification of Preferred Option

**Matters for Information**

- D112/19 Confidential Minutes of Development Committee held on 3 April 2019

**D113/19 Duration of Meeting**

The meeting commenced at 7 pm and concluded at 8.20 pm.

CHAIR \_\_\_\_\_

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